

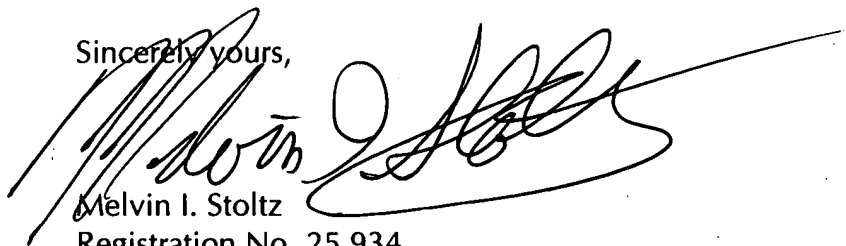
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted in order to place the claims in better condition for examination. An expeditious examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In addition, Applicant has now retained new counsel, and a signed Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith. All future correspondence should be sent to the undersigned at the address shown in the enclosed Power of Attorney. Furthermore, the undersigned Attorney's Customer Number is 27106, and this application should be entered under this customer number.

Of course, if any questions remain which can be resolved in a telephone interview, Applicants' undersigned attorney would gladly discuss any such questions with the Examiner. For this purpose, the Applicants' Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melvin I. Stoltz', is written over the typed name and registration number.

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